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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Director of the United States Patent  
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Sir:

This Status Inquiry is being made with respect to a Request for Correction of Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.324 that was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 12 September 2008, wherein the Applicants requested that Arthur D. RIGGS be deleted as co-inventor with the already-named inventors of record, Qiang LIU and Steve S. SOMMER.

As of this date, we have not received any correspondence in response to our request. The undersigned attorney respectfully requests that we be advised as to when a response can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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